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## Abstract

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Stochastic differential games for stochastic partial differential equations with fractional Brownian motions are explicitly solved. Ergodic control problems for linear exponential quadratic control for stochastic partial differential equations with fractional Brownian motions are explicitly solved. Stochastic differential games that evolve in spheres are explicitly solved. Various aspects of stochastic adaptive control are described. Some linear quadratic control problems with state dependent noise are explicitly solved. Optimal controls for partially observed linear exponential quadratic Gaussian control are obtained given the information filter.

## 1 Introduction

This report provides a description of the variety of results that were obtained during the three year AFOSR grant. A major development was an approach to problems of stochastic control or stochastic differential games that does not require finding solutions to nonlinear partial differential equations or solving backward stochastic differential equations. This direct approach allowed for the consideration of stochastic models that have general noise processes and it allowed for explicit results. This direct approach allowed for the two researchers supported on this grant to consider both continuous and discrete time stochastic control systems. Furthermore it allowed to consider the control of stochastic partial differential equations that are driven by fractional Brownian motions. The stochastic differential games that were solved provided explicit control strategies that formed Nash equilibria.

## 2 Description of Main Results

Optimal control problems for linear stochastic equations with noise that is square integrable with continuous sample paths and quadratic cost functionals are solved to obtain explicit optimal controls [1, 3, 9, 19]. These results are significant generalizations of the well known linear-quadratic Gaussian control problems. The approach to obtain explicit optimal stochastic controls [10] does not require solving Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman partial differential equations or solving backward stochastic differential equations from a stochastic maximum principle. The control of linear stochastic partial differential equations with quadratic cost, fractional Brownian motions and infi-

nite time horizons is considered where explicit optimal controls are obtained [2, 17]. Optimal controls for discrete time linear systems with quadratic costs and arbitrary correlated noise are given explicitly in [6]. A variety of stochastic differential games are considered for both finite and infinite dimensional linear stochastic systems. Optimal control strategies for linear-quadratic stochastic differential games with general noise processes are given explicitly [11]. stochastic differential games described by stochastic partial differential equations with fractional Brownian motions are solved in [12]. Linear-exponential-quadratic control for Brownian motion noise are solved in both finite and infinite dimensional spaces [5, 7, 8, 12, 13]. Ergodic control problems for linear stochastic partial differential equations with fractional Brownian motions are solved in [18]. Explicit control strategies for stochastic differential games that evolve in the unit sphere in Euclidean three space are given in [4, 14, 16]. A description of stochastic adaptive control is given in [15]. Some results for linear-quadratic control with state dependent noise is given in [21]. Optimal controls for partially observed linear-exponential-Gaussian control given the information filter for the estimation is solved directly in [20].

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